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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PROPOSED DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON: SWEDISH PARTICIPATION

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1. POLSOUNS HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH MFA NORTH AMERICAN DESK OFFICER LARS-AKE NILSSON SINCE OPENING OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 3 RE GOS POSITION ON PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 7. FOREIGN MINISTER SODER LEFT STOCKHOLM EARLIER THIS MORNING FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN LAGOS. ACTING FM OLA ULLSTEN NOT IN STOCKHOLM AREA TODAY. MFA SEC GEN LEIF LEIFLAND AND MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR KNUT THYBERG RETURNING TO STOCKHOLM TONIGHT FROM NORDIC FM'S MEETING IN HELSINKI.

2. NILSSON SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD OF INVITATION TO GOS EXTENDED TO SWEDISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON. IN FRONT OF POLCOUNS, NILSSON THEN CALLED FIRST SECRETARY NILS DAAG AT SWEDISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON WHO INFORMED THAT HE COULD STATE ABSOLUTELY THAT NO SUCH INVITATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT WASHINGTON EMBASSY AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 2. DAAG WOULD FOLLOW UP TODAY, HOWEVER, WITH CHARGE BORGLUND AND POSSIBLE OTHER NORDIC EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON.

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3. POLCOUNS REPEATED PHRASING OF PARA 1, REF A, TO EFFECT THAT GOS HAS BEEN ASKED IN WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE. HE SAID THAT IF INVITATION HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED OR IF SOME MISUNDERSTANDING EXISTED, POLCOUNS WAS NOW EXTENDING SUCH INVITATION AND WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST RESPONSE. DRAFT DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON, CONTAINED REF B, WAS SHOWN TO NILSSON ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

4. NILSSON SAID HE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH LEIFLAND AND/OR THYBERG TODAY TO OBTAIN GOS RESPONSE. POLCOUNS MADE CLEAR THAT US WAS ASKING FOR INDICATION OF GOS INTEREST IN EXPRESSING ITS APPROVAL OF TREATY ARRANGEMENTS, EITHER THROUGH ADHERENCE TO DECLARATION OR SOME OTHER APPROPRIATE WAY. IN RESPONSE, NILSSON OFFERED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT GOS WOULD PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED AT CEREMONY AND THAT DECLARATION IN PRESENT FORM SEEMED SO GENERAL THAT HE DOUBTED GOS WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN JOINING IN. HE CONTINUED, HOWEVER, THAT FINAL DECISION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INFLUENCE BY COMBINATION OF FACTORS, INCLUDING POSITION OF OTHER SCANDINAVIAN GOVERNMENTS AND LIKELY SWEDISH PUBLIC REACTION TO PUBLICIZED GOS ADHERENCE. HE MENTIONED ONLY IN PASSING SYMPATHETIC SWEDISH MEDIA TREATMENT OF SEPTEMBER 1 SUICIDE OF LEOPOLDO ARAGON ESCALONA AND LATTER'S DESPERATE OPPOSITION TO CANAL TREATY ARRANGEMENTS.

5. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT ABSENCE OF KEY MFA PERSONNEL IS DELAYING GOS RESPONSE. WE ARE CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED AND DECIDED REASONABLY SOON AFTER RETURN OF PRINCIPALS TO STOCKHOLM AT WHICH TIME DEPARTMENT WILL BE INFORMED. IN MEANTIME, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INFORM EMBASSY TO WHOM AT SWEDISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON INVITATION TO GOS WAS EXTENDED AND WHEN.

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